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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 13, 2004, said period of response being extended from October 13, 2004 to November 13, 2004.

Please charge the required extension fee in the amount of \$55.00 for a small entity to Deposit Account No. 50-0494.

Respectfully submitted,

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